

September 2006 Unified Program Newsletter

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California Environmental Protection Agency

State Surcharge for Fiscal Year 2006/2007

The State CUPA Surcharge will not change for fiscal year 2006/2007. The rates are:

- Hazmat (Formerly "CUPA Oversight" or Part A) - \$24.00
- Underground Storage Tank (Formerly Part B) - \$15.00
- California Accidental Release Prevention Program (Formerly Part D) - \$270.00

Annual UP Training Conference, Enforcement Track

Cal/EPA is asking for volunteers to give enforcement case studies at the Annual UP Training Conference in February 2007. The course objective is to discuss real world examples of enforcement options (administrative, civil and criminal) in a variety of factual settings and in all UPA programs. The course will be given on Wednesday, February 14th from 8-10am. Additionally, Cal/EPA is looking for volunteers to help with another course on AEO penalty calculation (for other than Hazardous Waste). The course objective is to familiarize the attendee with the statutory factors involved in setting AEO penalties. This course will be given on Thursday, February 15th from 10-12noon. Anyone interested should contact the course coordinator, Lisa Brown at lbrown@calepa.ca.gov.

Annual Summary Reports Due

The Unified Program Section would like to remind all Certified Unified Program Agencies that Summary Reports 2 through 4 are due to the Secretary on September 30, 2006. The forms can be found on Cal/EPA's web site at www.calepa.ca.gov/CUPA/Publications. Data from these reports is used by State and Federal agencies for a variety of purposes, including CUPA evaluations. We appreciate the effort that CUPAs have made in past years to improve the timeliness and accuracy of these reports and look forward to timely receipt again this year. Please submit the reports to:

Secretary for Environmental Protection
Unified Program Section
P.O. Box 2518
Sacramento, California 95812-2518

State Water Resources Control Board

Ameron Pressurized ILLM Method Added to LG-113

Ameron's pressurized interstitial liquid level measurement (ILLM) method has been added to LG-113. This method has been third-party certified for use on Ameron's LCX and MCX coaxial piping, in pressurized and non-pressurized applications, for lengths up to 344 feet. The "Hot Topics" section of the UST Program webpage (www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust) has a link to all of the LG-113 listings for vacuum, pressure, and hydrostatic (VPH) monitoring methods. Interested parties can also check the "LG 113 News" section of the LG 113 website to see listings for newly added equipment. Contact: Scott Bacon (sbacon@waterboards.ca.gov; 916-341-5873)

Matrix of Pipe Monitoring Applications

August 25, 2006 the State Water Board published the Matrix of Pipe Monitoring Applications for Gravity Flow, Vacuum (V), Pressure (P), and Interstitial Liquid Level Monitoring (ILLM). This matrix was prepared to assist local agency UST inspectors with their UST plan check and compliance inspections, as they relate to piping and monitoring systems.

Contact: Laura Chaddock (lchaddock@waterboards.ca.gov; 916-341-5870).

Tanks Operating Permit Application Forms

Draft operating permit application forms (formerly Forms A, B and C) are out for review by the CUPA's. They are intended to be part of Cal EPA's regulation package, so finalization of these forms in a short time period is essential.

Thanks go to the workgroup who started the forms revision in 2003. This work was recently taken further by State Board staff. After careful consideration and discussion, some additional revisions to the forms made, some of which were based on the last round of comments from the TAG's. After this round of comments, the final draft forms will be put forth for regulation.

The monitoring portion of the application form has been removed and incorporated into the "monitoring" form. For now, this form will go out as an LG letter instead of being placed in regulation. The data collected by this form, however, will be part of the data dictionary. The response plan form will part of the LG letter as well. Both forms have undergone some revision since it was last presented to the TAG's and will be going out for comment in the near future.

Contact: Marci Christofferson (MChristofferson@waterboards.ca.gov; 916-341-5594).

Enhanced Leak Detection (ELD) Follow-up

July 24, 2006, the State Water Board emailed the to the CUPAs a list that included 1,143 delinquent facilities that have not complied with the requirement for ELD testing and 1,411 prospective facilities that the Water Board has not yet notified. We requested that the CUPAs update these lists to minimize the workload associated with processing requests for reconsideration. CUPA's were asked to update this information by correcting or providing any address, closure, ELD test date or well proximity information, etc. Based on the updated information, some sites will be removed from the notification list. If the site has been notified and is still required to test, they will be sent a reminder letter. If they are no longer required to test, they will be sent a letter to that effect.

Thanks go to all the CUPA's for their work in providing this data. As of August 21, 2006, the Water Board has received updates from 18 CUPAs and encourages the remaining CUPAs to provide updated information for this project. We will periodically update our ELD notification list as part of quarterly CUPA UST reporting. Contact: Terry Brazell (tbrazell@waterboards.ca.gov; 916-341-5645)

Marina Fueling Facility (MFF) Project Report

On August 28, 2006 the MFF project report was electronically distributed to all CUPA's. PDF files of both the report and its appendices are available at the UST Program website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/leak_prevention/marina/index.html. We would like to thank the CUPAs for their efforts in submitting the MFF inspection information that was integral to this report.

Contacts: Laura Chaddock (lochaddock@waterboards.ca.gov; 916-341-5870) or Donielle Jackson (dliackson@waterboards.ca.gov; 916-341-5863).

Single-Walled UST Survey

In cooperation with the CUPA Forum Board, the State Water gathered information from the CUPA's on the number of UST facilities with single-walled UST systems (SW tanks with SW piping, SW tanks with DW piping, and/or DW tanks with SW piping). The survey results indicate that 1,913 of the facilities (or 11.7%) within California utilize some type of single-walled component. Of these SW facilities, 627 (or 32.8%) are owned by a small business.

Contact: John Elkins (jelkins@waterboards.ca.gov; 916-341-5668).

Department of Toxic Substances Control

Nothing to report

Office of Emergency Services

Fact Sheet

There is a new fact sheet on OES/HazMat website titled "Frequently Asked Questions—CalARP Program." The link to the fact sheet is:

<http://www.oes.ca.gov/Operational/OESHome.nsf/LevelTwoWithNav?OpenForm&Key=Hazardous+Materials> Jack Harrah is the contact for this fact sheet and he can be reached at (916) 845-8759.

Regional Training

OES is available to provide regional training on Business Plan, Area Plan, Spill Release Reporting, and CalARP Program Basics. There is a 20 student minimum for a class to be scheduled. OES is currently scheduling fiscal year 2006/2007 training and is looking for locations throughout California. For more details contact Brian Abeel at 916-845-8768.

Basic Training –

OES/N. Cal CUPA Forum is co-sponsoring a one-day course on October 4, 2006 in Red Bluff, CA. The course will cover: Business Plan Program, CalARP Program and Spill/Release Reporting Requirements. If Interested contact Jim Whittle at 530-225-5406 or JWhittle@co.shasta.ca.us

OES/N. Cal CUPA Forum is also co-sponsoring another one-day course on October 11, 2006 in Eureka, CA The course will cover: Business Plan Program, CalARP Program and Spill/Release Reporting Requirements. If interested contact Judy Thode at 707-268-2222 or jthode@co.humboldt.ca.us

The Unified Program Section is interested in your comments and suggestions regarding the monthly newsletter. Please provide comments and suggestions to cupa@calepa.ca.gov.

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